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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

BEN SHEN, LIANGCHENG DU, CESAR SANCHEZ, MEI CHEN, and DANIEL J. EDWARDS

Examiner: Kathleen M. Kerr

Application No.: **09/477,962**

Art Unit: 1652

Filed: **01/05/2000**

For: **BLEOMYCIN GENE CLUSTER COMPONENTS AND THEIR USES**

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months; and
- 2) Seven sheets of formal drawings.

Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.